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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS  
CONFERENCE, JULY 30.

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR PRE-  
DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, JULY 30.

2. WE HAVE SPENT THE PAST TWO AND ONE HALF DAYS IN  
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UPPER VOLTA AS PART OF OUR VISIT TO FOUR WEST AFRICAN  
NATIONS WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF CILSS. IT HAS BEEN A MOST  
ENJOYABLE AND ENLIGHTENING VISIT. OUR WELCOME HAS BEEN  
AS WARM AS THE SAHELIAN WEATHER-WHICH IS IN FACT SIMILAR  
TO OUR SUMMER WEATHER IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.

3. DURING OUR STAY WE MET WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS.

LAMIZANA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VOLTAN GOVERNMENT. OUR CONVERSATIONS HAVE HELPED ME UNDERSTAND MUCH BETTER YOUR PLANS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU KNOW, I AM TRAVELLING AS PRESIDENT CARERR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND I WILL REPORT TO HIM ABOUT YOUR PROJECTS FOR OVERCOMING THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT AND INCREASNG THE RURAL FOOD SUPPLY. I HAVE ASSURED PRESIDENT KAMIZANA THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO HELP UPPER VOLTAN DEVELOPMENT IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

4. WE HAVE VISITED A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING THE WOMEN'S TRAINING CENTER (CENTRE DE FORMATION FEMININE), THE CNPAR (CENTRE NATIONAL DE FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE DES ARTISANS RURAUX DE SERVICE), CISSIN, MODEL VILLAGE, AND OTHERS.

5. WE HAVE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH VOLTAN ARTISTS AT WORK CREATING THOSE MAGNIFICENT BATIKS AND BRONZES AT THE NATIONAL ART CENTER (CENTRE NATIONAL D'ARTISANAT D'ART). WE WERE TREATED TO A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF VOLTAN MUSIC AND DANCING ONE EVENING. OUR VISIT WITH THE MRORO NABA WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING SINCE IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT UPPER VOLTA'S HISTORY AND RICH TRADITIONAL CULTURE. IN FACT, ALL THSE VISITS HELPED US LEARN A LOT ABOUT UPPER VOLTA IN A VERY SHORT TIME. WE APPRECIATE THE TIME  
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EVERYONE TOOK TO WELCOME US AND TALK ABOUT THEIR WORK.

6. I AM SORRY WE DO NOT HAVE MORE TIME TO STAY WITH YOU, BUT WE MUST MOVE ON TO MALI TONIGHT. THAT WILL BE OUR LAST STOP BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU, AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.  
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